

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., May 16, 1835,  
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**TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.**

Washington, May 16, 1835.

*My son*, I received this morning your kind and affectionate letter of the 3rd instant with one inclosed to your D'r sarah which I forwarded by this days mail to her. I am rejoiced at your good health and that of your family at the Hermitage. I received a letter this morning from our dear Sarah which I inclose you. I hope tomorrow to see her and the dear little ones if the weather is such as will permit our dear little Rachel to travel. Doctor Physic sends me word that she will soon be perfectly well which I trust in a kind providence will be the case. sarahs letter to me will give you all the information about the paper and furniture which I am possessed of.

As it regards the improvement of the Kitchin I leave it entirely to your direction, observing as much oeconomy as you can so as to have it convenient and well done. Major Lewis highly approves of the changes to be made in the dwelling House, and I am entirely willing to leave the whole to your judgment.

my dear son, how much I am delighted to hear from Major Lewis of your good conduct, and healthful appearence, and your good standing with every body, and his assurance that you will pursue a course hereafter that will lead you still to the higher estimation in society —this my son is more grateful to your dear father than all the wealth of Peru, and I have now the greatest confidence in your good conduct thro life. Poor Mr. Hume, I fear he is lost forever. I have tried to save him by my admonitions from destruction but I fear all in vain,

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he has sent into Mr. Pleasanton to day his resignation. I have not yet accepted it, will try to see him before I do, but he shuns me. Oh my son how I feel for his dear mother, and you can think of my horrid feelings if it was you, but I have confidence in you my son, that you have too much good sense, too great a regard for your dear Sarah and our sweet dear little ones ever to forget what you owe to them as on your fame they must depend in a great measure for their standing in society.

I am happy to hear of the good prospects of our crop and the good condition of our stock—do not let any scarcity of grain be an impediment to the working of our crop, have corn if it is to be had. Your horses must be well fed or they cannot do work, and the blood stock must be kept in good grow[ing] order, and if you have not been able to collect the money due from Pierson, Florence etc, or should not have it from the ballance of our cotton you must draw upon me for it. I have no doubt but the citizen stud and the Bollivar will both make good runners if well trained and well attended to, and also the crusader. You have not said whether the Sackwemor colt is dead or not. . . .